# PPC IS A POLICY AND INFORMATION HUB!

# **Working Toward Independence**

**The** Public Policy Committee (PPC) advocates for public policy that is responsive to the needs of people with disabilities. These efforts work toward people become independent members of the community.

In addition to advocating for and promoting independence, the Committee offers advice and direction to the Council on many issues and concerns.

**Guiding** the Committee are numerous objectives, including providing a forum for sound public policy; educating policymakers, advocates and consumers; and networking and collaboration throughout Michigan.

#### **How the Committee Works**

**The** PPC addresses a variety of issues and attempts to shape broad policies for the Council. This is achieved by working with other Council work groups and committees and utilizing their expertise. A result is the refinement of positions on vital issues such as housing, and education.

**The** PPC also leads in monitoring and responding to federal, state and local public policies. The goal is to share timely and accurate information with the Council, its work groups and committees.

# **Relaying Critical Elements**

**PPC** meetings include lively and informative discussions. Critical analyses are provided the Council for possible action, including position papers and other forms of advocacy.

**The** Committee monitors websites and other media. Members also maintain dialogue with advocates and friends in the disability community.

#### A Hub of Vital Information

**The** PPC has established itself as a hub for current and vital information. Collaborating organizations and those with special interests provide regular information and data on issues important to the Committee and Council.

# **Including Everyone**

The PPC practices creative and successful methods of outreach to people with disabilities, with special emphasis on those within minority cultures. We believe diversity is at the heart of a successful DD Council.

**When** considering issues that affect people with disabilities, the PPC understands the need to hear from all of Michigan's diverse communities and cultures.

#### Work With Us?

There are many people with disabilities whose concerns, needs and ideas have yet to be heard. We believe we're on the cutting edge of the issues that confound systems change in Michigan. We are committed to making a difference.

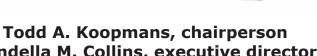
**Are** you interested in lending your voice and energy to the Committee's activities? Contact us at the phone number or through the website on the front of this brochure.

# Public Policy Committee

# **Our Community Includes Everyone**



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